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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination of the application referenced above. A fee of \$790.00 is required for the Request for Continued Examination. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge same to CARSTENS & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested, and please charge the fee for this extension to CARSTENS & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.